

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 52 in the present application have been allowed. In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner indicated that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex Parte Quayle*. The Examiner objected to the drawings for not including every feature of the invention specified in the claims; and objected to the specification due to informalities.

By this Response to *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action, claim 5 has been cancelled and the specification has been amended to correct the cited informalities.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments introduce no new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 132.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings, asserting that “[t]he liquid flow-meter specified in claim 5 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s).”

Response

By this Response *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action, claim 5 has been cancelled thereby rendering the Examiner’s objection to the drawings moot. Now that claim 5 has been cancelled, Applicants submit that new drawings are unnecessary.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification due to informalities. Specifically, the Examiner requested that Applicants delete the term “inactivate” on line 6 of page 5 and replace it

with –inactivating–; and the Examiner noted that the phrase, “line V-V,” as mentioned on line 7 of page 8 as being shown in figure 8A, is not actually shown in figure 8A.

Response

By this Response *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action, the specification has been amended to delete the term “inactivate” on line 6 of page 5 and replace it with –inactivating–. Also, the phrase “line V-V” has been removed from the drawing figure description. The drawing figure description now recites “a longitudinal section view of the housing of the valve of Fig. 8A.”

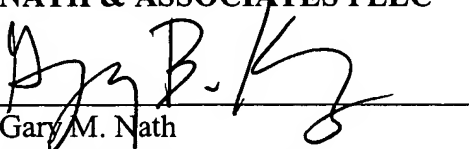
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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